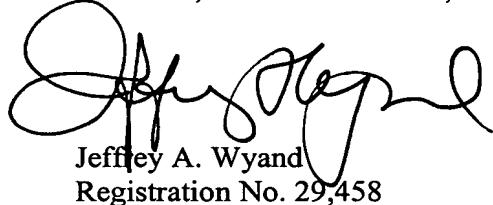


REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment corrects errors introduced in the Preliminary Amendment. No new matter is added.

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Amendments to existing claim:

9. (Twice Amended) A selecting method for selecting one among a plurality of authentications and at least one combination of the authentications, the method comprising:

generating ~~the~~ at least one combination of ~~the~~ authentications using authentication means for authenticating a person;

calculating and storing authentication performance for each of ~~said~~ ~~the~~ plurality of authentications and ~~said~~ ~~the~~ at least one combination of authentications; and

selecting one among the plurality of authentications and of the at least one combination of the authentications, which ~~meet~~ meets target performance required for authentication.

10. (Twice Amended) ~~The An~~ authentication method ~~according to claim 9,~~ comprising:

generating a plurality of authentications and at least one combination of the authentications, ~~which is performed by~~ ~~said authentication means~~;

calculating and storing authentication performance for each of the plurality of authentications and the at least one combination of the authentications;

selecting one among the plurality of authentications and the at least one combination of the authentications, which meets target performance required for authentication; and

authenticating a person after verification of input data of the person with registration data in the authentication, or the combination of the authentications.